

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 739

By Maddox

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Otis Green "Cokie"
Neely of Huntingdon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Otis Green "Cokie" Neely; and

WHEREAS, Otis Neely was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely served with acumen and alacrity as a self-employed carpenter and earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, an integral part of the Huntingdon community, Mr. Neely diligently served in numerous civic activities and professional organizations, including the local Carpenter's Union; and

WHEREAS, he served as an adamant supporter of flea markets and possessed the unique ability to transform most people's trash into beautiful treasures; and

WHEREAS, Cokie Neely was a tenderhearted friend, always generous with his time, resources, support and love to others; he was continually willing to lend a helping hand to those whom life had treated unkindly, as evidenced by his extraordinary service to others; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of the Democratic Party, Mr. Neely held firmly to the values and principles of the Party; and

WHEREAS, Otis Neely, was a man of gentle nature and always held a keen perspective of the truly important matters in life; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Neely was a strong supporter of a small rural congregation and maintained a watchful eye upon the local cemetery where his family and loved ones were buried; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Cokie Neely will be sorely missed by his daughter, Linda Neely Wilson of Huntingdon; his son, James Neely of Huntingdon and his two sisters, Leecie Turner of Camden and Irene Yarbrough of Huntingdon; and

WHEREAS, other survivors include four grandchildren: Kim Larkins, Stephen Neely, Hope Turner, and Brad Wilson; and four great-grandchildren: Kimberly Neely, Katie Neely, Kourtney Neely, and Sarah Neely Turner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely has gone to be with his dearly departed wife, Louise Barnhart Neely, their two sons, Earl Gordon Neely and Joe David Neely, his brother, Glenn Neely, and his two sisters, Bessie Wilson and Maggie Williams; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Neely leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Otis Green "Cokie" Neely, reflecting fondly upon

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Neely.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.